GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING
LOK SABHA

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CAG REPORT ON REQUIREMENT OF FLATS
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the CAG in its report No.2 of 2002 (Civil) has brought out the injudicious and not based on accurate assessment of actual requirement of flats resulting into loss of heavy expenditure;

(b) if so, whether the matter has been enquired into and the officials found responsible for causing loss of money to the Government have been brought to book;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the status of the vacant residential units as on date; and

(e) the measures taken to put those units into proper use?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING (SHRI SHRIPAD Y. NAIK)

(a) & (b) Yes Sir. However, in pursuance of the decision of the Government to shift the Department of Lighthouses & Lightships from New Delhi to Noida, it was felt necessary to provide accommodation to each and every employee of the Department so that no staff is put to any hardship in the absence of availability of accommodation at Noida. Against the approved proposal of acquisition of 163 flats, only 154 flats on actual requirement basis were purchased. The Department did not anticipate any likelihood of any of the employees making their personal arrangements for residential accommodation in Delhi. Moreover, 10% cut in the sanctioned strength imposed by the Government in 1994 was not anticipated at the time of making the requisition for acquisition of the flats in the year 1991. Accordingly the assessment for actual requirement of flats was made as stated above.

(c) Does not arise in view of (a) & (b) above.

(d) & (e) 58 residential units are vacant at present which are proposed to be transferred to other Government organization, for which the action is in advanced stage.